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In re Application of	:	
TAKAHASHI, et al.	:	
Application No.: 09/703,987	:	DECISION ON PETITION
PCT No.: PCT/JP99/05974	:	
Int. Filing Date: 28 October 1999	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.181
Priority Date: 18 March 1999	:	
Attorney Docket No.: F-6666	:	
For: CROSSLINKED ACRYLIC MOISTURE	:	
ABSORBING FIBERS AND	:	
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF	:	

This decision is in response to applicant's "Petition Under C.F.R. 1.181 That This Application be Treated as U.S. National Stage of a PCT Application" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 23 April 2002.

BACKGROUND

On 01 November 2000, applicant filed the above referenced application. The application was processed as an application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

On 23 April 2002, applicant filed the present petition.

DISCUSSION

An examination of the papers filed 01 November 2000 finds that applicant filed the papers to the attention of "Box PCT" and indicated that, "THIS IS A NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT/JP99/05974 FILED October 28, 1999." In addition, the enclosed combined declaration and power of attorney lists PCT international application PCT/JP99/05974. As such it is clear that applicant provided sufficient information at the time of filing to indicate that the present application was intended to be a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371. Therefore it is proper to grant applicant's petition at this time. Further, a review of the application file reveals that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 for entry into the national stage in the United States have been satisfied.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of **28 October 1999** under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **01 November 2000** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for treatment in accordance with this decision.



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